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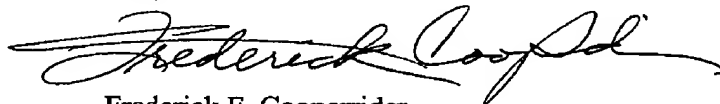
Re: Enclosed Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,460  
Attorney Docket No.: 349932/00  
Our Reference: NEC.216

Dear Examiner Phan:

Enclosed is an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111, responsive to the October 4, 2004 Office Action, which we request that you enter in the above-referenced case and which should place this case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## In re Application of

Takashi YAMANE

Docket No.: 349932/00

Serial No.: 09/987,460

Group Art Unit: 2633

Filed: November 14, 2001

Examiner: Phan, Hanh

**For:** COLLECTIVE DETECTION METHOD AND DETECTION SYSTEM FOR  
WAVELENGTH FLUCTUATIONS IN WAVELENGTH DIVISION  
MULTIPLEXING OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND  
WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING OPTICAL TRANSMISSION  
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH THIS DETECTION SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

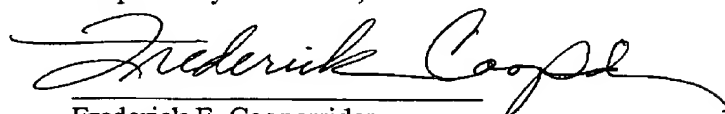
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The excess claim fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	25 -	28	= 0	x \$ 50.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	7 -	4	= 3	x \$200.00	\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 600.00</b>

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the excess claim fee amount of \$600.00, as well as any charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment of fees, to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

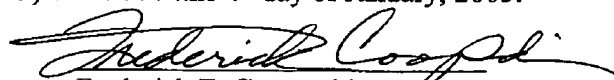
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I hereby certify that I am filing this Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office addressed to Examiner Hanh Phan, Group Art Unit 2633, at fax number (703) 872-9306 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

  
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APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH THIS DETECTION SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows: